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**Subject:** Town resident comment on Verizon FIOS Application

Hi

I was not able to attend yesterday's (Sep. 25th) meeting to discuss Verizon FIOS application. We just bought a property in acton and we are anxious to get verizon as an alternative to comcast.

I had ordered satellite tv (dish network). But due to the trees in my property; I cannot receive the regular programming. I am sure that I am not the only person in acton who cannot get satellite tv due to constraints like mine.

I talked to comcast today to get their price on digital cable (with HDTV box). Their monthly charge is \$72. Looking at Verizon FIOS TV packages (on the web); their premium package is \$50 (incl. hdtv converter box). I am a customer of verizon's FIOS internet and am very happy with verizon's customer service. I had comcast cable before and cannot even begin to talk about their shoddy customer service. Not only is the price differential and customer service on verizon's side; the very nature of fiber optics will allow for more clarity in HDTV signals.

Looking on the town of website (cable advisory committee page); the only hitch in issuing license is discount for senior citizens. I applaud you on your efforts to secure such discount. I am sure you are aware that the discount that comcast gives is from a higher monthly rate. I am not even sure how many citizens take the senior discounts from comcast. Given a choice, they would probably give up their comcast discount and go with verizon.

I urge you to vote "YES" on Oct. 3rd meeting and acton residents can save more on their entertainment dollars.

Sincerely,

Venki Srinivasan

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